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THE committees of inquiry and criticism began their sessions yesterday. There seems to be much interest centering in this movement. It is in harmony with the leading inspiration for unity which is pervading all hearts at Oneida this winter, and its effect will undoubtedly be to promote and intensify unity of thought and feeling and life. The number of persons in each committee is ten, and it is thought best not to increase this number by the addition of new members, but rather to form new committees if increased facilities for criticism are desirable.

A good letter from E. Otis was received on Saturday. She expresses much interest in Mr. Noyes proposed western visit, and wishes to meet him at O. Her school is closed and she is now out of employment, and uncertain what she shall do next. She has written home saying she will come there if they are willing.

E. Hutchins will start for Willimantic early Wednesday morning, accompanied by Mr. Cragin. Busy hands are preparing her outfit.

It has been decided to extend to Mr. Whitney the

privilege of coming back to the Community. The spirit of his late letter was liked, and commended as the best thing we have had from him.

An order for \$1000 or \$1200 worth of bags has been received from a party in Rochester. Four months time is wanted on the order. It is not yet decided whether to accept the order or not.

The bag business opens more favorably this season than ever before, and the prospect of a large trade is good.

The furs and deer skins bought in Canada by the O. C. Fur Co., amounting to about \$955, have been sold for about \$1245, or at an advance of about \$290, after paying the cost of selling and transportation.

All persons, either at Oneida, Wallingford, or the Agency, who wish to offer toasts, sentiments, or other communications at the coming celebration on the 20th., are requested to hand or forward them to the toast committee through the chairman W. A. Hinds.

In a letter from our large trap customer O. S. Hopkins, recently received, he inquires if we can sell him from two to five thousand muskrat skins.

A letter was received the other day from John Flawherty—a man who worked for us in 1864—dated in Ohio, stating that he owes us ten dollars, which he received by over-payment, and inquiring how he shall send it to us. It may interest Otis K. to mention that the letter was addressed to “Odious Kellige”.

A note from Mr. Higgins was read last evening, expressing thankfulness for his late criticism, and stating that when he came to the conclusion to invite criticism, the dread of it was removed. He also says: "My experience in the year past has led me more and more into vital sympathy with Christ, with Mr. Noyes, and the leading members of this family. Also past experience has wrought in me more of that humble, meek and lowly spirit which Christ requires of his followers. I have great reason to thank our God for my present state of health and for the resurrection spirit that I perceive is working in my spirit and life."

In the business meeting, yesterday, Mr. Kinsley, Mr. Barron, and F. A. Marks, were appointed a committee to consider the matter of preparing a place to store sawdust where it will become dry and suitable for fruit-packing.—Messrs. Nash, Underwood, and De Latre were appointed a committee to investigate the expediency of burning kerosene in our night lamps.—The question of building a new dairy-house is to be considered, and Mr. Burt is to choose a committee, and report at the next meeting what seemeth best to be done.—Mr. Aiken, Mr. Campbell and S. K. Dunn were appointed a standing committee to provide clothing for persons when they are called to go away suddenly.

On Saturday and Sunday the weather was mild and rainy, the snow rapidly disappeared, and there were indications of a general break up and freshet. Last night,

however, the wind changed, and this morning the snow is again falling.

It is suggested that we shall succeed in the silk business, from the fact that we have begun by going to the *Bottom* of it.